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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE - PREPARING THE WAY

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS CHARGE MEET WITH THE GOZ
TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS REGARDING SECURITY IN THE RWANDAN
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REFUGEE CAMPS AND TO ASSESS GOZ WILLINGNESS TO SEEK
OUTSIDE HELP TO ASSIST WITH REFUGEE CAMP SECURITY. END
SUMMARY.

3. PRESIDENT CLINTON WILL LIKELY WRITE KING HASSAN TO
URGE THE DEFLOYMENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS TO ZAIRE TO ASSURE
SECURITY IN THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN
THAT THE KING WILL AGREE TO SEND TROOPS BUT TO PREPARE
THE WAY, DEPARTMENT ASKS THAT YOU SEEK A MEETING WITH
EITHER PRIME MINISTER KENGO OR VICE PRIME MINISTER GUSTAVE

MALUMBA. YOU SHOULD STRESS THE U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE SECURITY OF BOTH RELIEF WORKERS AND REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS IN EASTERN ZAIRE. YOU MIGHT ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT THE PROBLEM OF DISARMING THE HUTU MILITIA AND THE FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE CAMPS. YOU SHOULD NOT MENTION AT THIS POINT THE POSSIBLE MOROCCAN

DEPLOYMENT, NOR SHOULD YOU ADVISE THE ZAIRIANS TO REQUEST THIRD COUNTRIES SUPPLY TROOPS. TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN YOUR MEETING FOLLOW.

4. TALKING POINTS:

-- THE SITUATION IN EASTERN ZAIRE IS CRITICAL, WITH AN INFLUX OF MORE THAN A MILLION REFUGEES FROM RWANDA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS.

-- THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS THAT ITS COMMITMENT TO THE RELIEF EFFORT IN EASTERN ZAIRE AND RWANDA WILL BE OVER 500 MILLION DOLLARS. OUR MILITARY FORCES, THROUGH OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE, HAVE BEEN ENGAGED SINCE JULY 22 IN A MASSIVE

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AIRLIFT OPERATION TO BRING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL TO THE REGION.

-- WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIMELY AND ONGOING COOPERATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO FACILITATE THE U.S. HUMANITARIAN OPERATION. THE KENGO GOVERNMENT'S RAPID DECISION ON OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES PERMITTED THE U.S. TO DEPLOY MILITARY RESOURCES QUICKLY AND SAVED LIVES.

-- ADDITIONALLY, THE GOZ'S INTERVENTION ON ASSESSMENT OF LANDING FEES PERMITTED DONORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEVOTE MAXIMUM RESOURCES TO REFUGEE RELIEF.

-- WE WELCOME THE ONGOING EFFORT TO DISARM HUTU MILITIA AND FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE CAMPS, AND APPLAUD THE GOZ'S ACTION TO PREVENT A PROVOCATIVE MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE FORMER INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON ZAIRIAN TERRITORY.

-- THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THE RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS -- BOTH FINANCIAL AND HUMAN -- FACING THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE IN COPING WITH THIS CRISIS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE SHEER

NUMBERS OF REFUGEES PRESENTS A MAJOR SECURITY PROBLEM FOR
THE GOZ. WE NOTE THAT TANZANIA FACED SIMILAR PROBLEMS
WITH THE INFLUX IN APRIL OF HALF A MILLION RWANDAN
REFUGEES.

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-- HAS THE GOZ CONSIDERED ASKING ASSISTANCE FROM A THIRD
COUNTRY TO PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES TO ASSIST THE GOZ IN
ASSURING SECURITY IN THE CAMPS?

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